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**UTILITY
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Attorney Docket No.

7037-438

First Inventor

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Title

APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR POSITIVE CLOSURE OF
AN INTERNAL TISSUE MEMBRANE OPENING

Express Mail Label No.

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents

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1. *Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
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2. Applicant claims small entity status.

3. Specification [Total Pages 36]

- Descriptive title of the Invention
- Cross References to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix or computer program listing appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 28]
 Informal Formal

5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 64]

- a. Newly executed (original or copy)
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1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No: 09/553,267

Prior application information: Examiner: Woo Group / Art Unit: 3731

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	740	201	370	Utility Filing Fee	740.00
106	330	206	165	Design Filing Fee	
107	510	207	255	Plant Filing Fee	
108	740	208	370	Reissue Filing Fee	
114	160	214	80	Provisional Filing Fee	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$740.00)					

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	1	-20** =	Extra Claims	Fee From Below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	1	-3** =			
Multiple Dependent					

Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	80	202	40	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	84	209	42	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	130	205	65	Surcharge – late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge – late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month	
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,960	228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	310	219	155	Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive – unavoidable	
141	1,240	241	620	Petition to revive – unintentional	
142	1,240	242	620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	440	243	220	Design issue fee	
144	600	244	300	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	710	246	355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
149	710	249	355	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
179	710	279	355	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other Fee (specify)					

* Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$)

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